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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
Chang et al.

Examiner
Cao (Kevin) Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Dec 18, 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 21-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bates et al. (US Patent No. 6,456,307).

Regarding claims 21 and 44, Bates discloses a method of enriching a non-linkable media representation presentable at a user terminal, the method comprising the steps of obtaining the non-linkable media representation (see Abstract); obtaining code and, responsive to the code, generating a panel comprising at least one link to at least one other media representation (see col.

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8, lines 4-57); and overlaying the panel on the non-linkable media representation in accordance with a presentation at the user terminal, such that the non-linkable media representation becomes linkable to the at least one other media representation (see col. 9, lines 5-65).

Regarding claims 22 and 23, Bates discloses wherein the user terminal is associated with a client station (see figure 4).

Regarding claims 24 and 25, Bates discloses further comprising the step of the code instantiating a link canvas object at the client station, wherein the link canvas object generates the panel; and further comprising the step of the client station obtaining an action enabling kernel from the server (see figures 7-10).

As claims 26-28 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 above.

Regarding claims 29 and 30, Bates discloses further comprising the step of the link canvas object selecting a link from the one or more link candidates, the selected link being the at least one link; and further comprising the step of the link canvas object composing the at least one link in response to meta data received from the server via the action enabling kernel (see col. 14, lines 1-67).

As claims 31-41 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 and 29-30 above.

Regarding claims 42 and 43, Bates discloses further comprising the step of the server providing a real-time encoding studio for transmitting both real-time non-linkable media and a set of meta information of hotlinks to a HotMedia client station; and wherein the real-time

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encoding studio provides a real-time authoring capability for multiplexing a non-linkable media and a set of meta information of hotlinks to a streaming rich media file in a HotMedia framework (see col. 15, lines 5-57).

As claims 44-62 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 22-25 and 29-30 above.

Regarding claim 63, Bates discloses a server configured to: (I) provide the non-linkable media representation to the client station; and (ii) provide code to the client station, such that the client station may, responsive to the code, generate a panel comprising at least one link to at least one other media representation, and overlay the panel on the non-linkable media representation in accordance with a presentation at a user terminal of the client station, such that the non-linkable media representation becomes linkable to the at least one other media representation (see col. 17, lines 22-52).

As claims 64-67 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 21-25 and 63 above.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (see PTO-892).

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4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Response

5. Responses to this action should be mailed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. If applicant desires to fax a response, (703) 746-7239 may be used for formal communications or (703) 746-7240 for informal or draft communications.

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Arlington, VA. Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Inquires

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Cabeca, can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax number for this group is (703) 746-7240.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

March 9, 2003